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Book Committee Report

April 20, 1934

MARGARET V. GIRDNER, Chairman

The BOOK COMMITTEE at its Organization Meeting for this year reaffirmed its status as a service committee with the special purpose of collecting and disseminating information regarding books suitable for school libraries. To carry out this purpose, the BOOK COMMITTEE has been responsible for the following projects:

I. BOOK NOTES. 2 issues for 1933 - 34.

No. 1 November 28, 1933. Distributed at Institute Meetings in Oakland, San Francisco, San Jose and Sacramento.

No. 2 February 17, 1934. Distributed at Open Council Meeting at the University of California. The plan of BOOK NOTES has been the same as that of the previous year, including a list of books for each type school, edited by a librarian from that type of school and general reviews of recommended books, pamphlets, and magazines; in addition, the issue prepared for distribution at Institute meetings contained a special feature CHRISTMAS THROUGH CHRISTENDOM, which has been the cause of so many requests for copies that additional ones have had to be mimeographed. The members of the Committee who have worked on BOOK NOTES are:

Junior College Book Reviews, Katherine Steele; Senior High School Book Reviews, Jessie Boyd; Junior High School Book Reviews, Mabel White; Elementary Book Reviews, Mrs. Elinor Bauman and Mrs. Frances Purser.

In addition to the editors of the book review columns the Committee has been fortunate in having Helen Price as chief advisor, Dora Smith as consultant on reprints and special subjects, and Ruth Seymour, who has carried on the enormous task of compiling and mimeographing BOOK NOTES.

II. The chairman has mailed copies of BOOK NOTES together with mimeographed notices as follows:

October 11, 1933 Notice of Fresno meeting	245
February 5, 1934 Notice of University of California meeting	109
Individual requests	92
Total	446

III. Speakers have been provided for the following meetings:

October 28, 1933. Fresno. Mrs. Frances Clarke Sayers. February 17, 1934. University of Cali-

fornia. Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch. May 19, 1934. Sacramento, Miss Helen Ferris.

IV. The committee has long desired to establish some type of meeting which would offer members of the Association opportunity to meet and discuss books in an informal and helpful fashion, and with this idea in mind the committee planned a Book Luncheon which was held at the Y. W. C. A. on March 10th. Miss Ethel Kruse of Macmillan Company brought a collection of Macmillan books and dummies of forthcoming publications. Twenty-six members of the Association came and participated in the discussion, and at the conclusion of the luncheon it was unanimously voted that gatherings such as these be made a monthly feature.

Arrangements have been made with Macmillan Company for review copies of their publications to be made available to members of the Association for review in BOOK NOTES.

V. Only one request for service has been made of the Committee, and in response the Chairman presented the request of this Association that SCHOLASTIC be indexed in READER'S GUIDE. In answer, the H. W. Wilson Company reports that the question is being considered, and a questionnaire going out very soon will probably result in this magazine being included in the GUIDE in the near future.

VI. The Chairman has prepared an alphabetical card file of all paid members of the Association to be used as a mailing list, and also a card file of all possible members arranged alphabetically by towns and counties.

VII. Correspondence has been carried on throughout the year with the Chairman of the Book Committee of the Southern Section. It was impossible to hold a joint meeting of the Book Committees of the two Sections at Fresno, but the chairmen met and compared notes.

Recommendations

As a result of the several years experience of the present committee, the Chairman has temerity to make the following recommendations as to the future of the committee:

1. It is recommended that the Book Committee be continued as a service committee organized to gather and disseminate information concerning books, pamphlets and other materials suitable for school libraries.

2. That BOOK NOTES be merged with the BULLETIN as a mimeographed serial under the editorship and management of a special Publications Committee. The material previously appearing in BOOK NOTES can be prepared as heretofore by the Book Committee. If financially possible, a printed Yearbook might be issued at the close of each year containing the annual reports, list of members and any other material which should be kept as a permanent record.

3. In order that the membership may be kept more fully informed concerning the work of the Association, this mimeographed Bulletin should be mailed to all paid members of the Association after each Council Meeting and in addition to the other material usually carried in BOOK NOTES and the BULLETIN, should contain a summary of the minutes of each Council Meeting.

4. It is recommended that the Book Committee

carry out a program of Book Luncheons at frequent intervals, possibly monthly.

Estimate of cost of Mimeographed Bulletin based on experience with BOOK NOTES. Estimates for an issue of 200 copies of 11 pages.

Cost of mimeographing BOOK NOTES (exclusive of labor)

11 Stencils at 15c	\$1.65
2200 Sheets paper at 10c per 100	2.20
Total	\$3.85

Cost of mailing BOOK NOTES

Postage 200 at 4½c	\$9.00
Envelopes 200 7x10 at 72c per 100	1.44
Total	\$10.44

Total Cost \$14.29

† Size large enough for legal size paper folded once.

‡ Not including tax.

NEWS ITEMS

Miss Florence Baker, the librarian of Oakland Technical High School, was chosen as a delegate by the Oakland Teachers Association to the July Convention of the National Education Association in Washington D.C. Miss Baker went East in a special train with other California delegates, and made stops at the Grand Canyon, Galveston, New Orleans and Atlanta.

Miss Mildred Beymer was married to Everett Marvin Graham in July. Mrs. Graham is librarian of the Roosevelt Junior High School, S. F.

The Northern section is participating in the production of a Manual on the Effective Use of Books and Libraries for the elementary schools. The work is being done by a committee of fifteen under the direction of Miss Helen Heffernan of the State Department of Education. Five members were appointed by the State office, five by the California Library Association, five by the Northern section. A similar group in the south is working on a manual of Children's Literature.

The survey of California school libraries proposed last year is being worked on by the Professional committees of the Northern and Southern sections, cooperating with Mr. Muncy, chief of the division of Research and Statistics of the State Department of Education.

Miss Eugenie McCabe, Castlemont High School Oakland gave a course in High School Libraries at the Riverside Library School this summer.

Miss Myra Hoge has been appointed librarian of the Eureka High School.

Wishing you well, Ida Belle Craig and Helen Price.

SANTA MARIA INN

Santa Maria Inn, the place of our annual meeting on October 27 - 28, has been described as the "perfect inn." It is ideally situated half-way between Los Angeles and San Francisco, on the coast highway, El Camino Real. Besides having all the essential qualities of a fine hotel, it has an indefinable charm and atmosphere all its own.

Mr. Frank McCoy, the proprietor, has tried as far as possible to duplicate an old New England wayside inn, in its "personality," architecture and decoration. The lounge has walls of knotty pine and the furniture is of early American design. A huge 18th century cupboard contains the Inn's fine collection of old pottery and porcelain. On cold days a fire in the picturesque fireplace sends its warmth and cheer to all the inviting nooks and corners of the large room.

The dominating color of the Dining Room is a soft green. There are 13 triple windows against which are placed huge bouquets of dahlias and gladioli. Guests are always impressed with the profusion of attractively arranged flowers found in all the living rooms of this hotel. Mr. McCoy and a staff of gardeners raise their own flowers in the spacious grounds adjoining the building.

The guest rooms are all the term implies, each fitted with bath, and equipped with every modern convenience.

Visitors to Santa Maria should without fail take the motor trip to Point Sal Beach on Point Sal Drive. This drive winds through miles of flower fields, past sand dunes and over rugged coast lines.

This happy combination of natural advantages and human hospitality makes the guests of this hotel glad that they have partaken of the charms of the "Wayside Inn."

• BOOK NOTES •

EDITED BY MARGARET V. GIRDNER, CHAIRMAN OF BOOK COMMITTEE

The work of the Book Committee has been somewhat altered this year, and instead of sending out **Book Notes** for each regional meeting, the committee will present the same type of information in a page of the **Bulletin**. While the committee regrets the necessity of limiting the amount of expression **Book Notes** allowed us, the members will probably gain by the additional sifting of the books offered for review.

Practically the same group of reviewers will serve on the committee, and in addition, we are hoping to encourage many more of the members to present books which they have found useful in their libraries, or may have encountered in their reading for book selection. Thus in addition to the consideration of new books, we will be able to present some lists of books which have proven their worth in service.

This change in presentation of book information has been forced upon the committee by the desire of the Council to concentrate all the financial resources of the Association on a good **Bulletin**.

BOOK "BRUNCHEONS"

The **Book Luncheons** will be instituted in San Francisco on December 18th with a luncheon following the program of the Institute Session of the West Bay Section. This is planned for one of our new "nationality" cafes and we will present several authors of children's books.

This will be followed in January by a series of monthly book "Bruncheons" — 10 o'clock breakfasts to you — which will allow discussion and reading of some of the new children's books which publishers may send to us for review.

We are hoping that we may be assisted by publishers who may have the faith in this committee which has been shown by the Viking Press. All librarians know the splendid work of May Massee, editor of junior books for Viking who has so long associated with the A. L. A. Book list, and I know that they will be glad that she is cooperating with us so wholeheartedly. Miss Massee is sending to the chairman a copy of each book published by this press which will be of interest to a school library, and these books may become the property of the school whose librarian will review it for this column.

We will have the books at hand to review and discuss at these book "bruncheons" and they will be available for examination by the librarians who are present.

BOOKS OFFERED BY THE VIKING PRESS FOR REVIEW

These books have already been assigned to reviewers for the next **Bulletin**, but if any members would like to participate, write to Margaret V. Girdner, Galileo High School, San Francisco, for future assignments.

Adamic	Dynamite
Baker	When the stars come out
Bemelmans	Hansi
Bianco	The good friends
Charnley	Jean Lafitte
Gardiner & Osborne	Good wind and good water
Sawyer	Tono Antonio
Sayers	Bluebonnets for Lucinda

SUGGESTION FOR PROFESSIONAL READING

The A. L. A. Bulletin for October, 1934 has the full text of Dwight Porter's paper "A school principal looks for a school library" which he read before the School Libraries Section of the A. L. A. at Montreal. It will delight the heart of every librarian to know that one school has so completely organized its curriculum about the library.

N. E. A. Convention

Washington, D. C., July 1st to 8th

Florence Baker, delegate at large from Oakland

For the first time in Oakland, a school librarian was elected as delegate to the National Education Association convention and attended with great interest. Perhaps you all know about conventions; but for the sake of those who do not I shall tell that this national convention was organized very much like our yearly teachers' institute with general sessions and special sections, the chief difference being the existence of the large delegate body before which the business was laid and by which the voting was done.

The speeches at the general session fell into two groups, educational and current topics. Such men as Dr. Robert Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago, Dr. Glenn Frank, president of the University of Wisconsin, the Honorable Newton Baker spoke largely of the general situation, the New Deal, in the United States, though their topics were the Teacher, the School, and National life, the Alternative to Revolution, and Youth Challenges the Nation, respectively. It was interesting to have their point of view. Others prominent in education like John K. Norton reported the work of the Joint Commission on the Emergency in Education for 1935, and gave us his idea— a ten year plan for education, gradually pulling together all of the agencies affecting children, playgrounds, etc. Various superintendents spoke on "Meeting the emergencies in 1935;" "Fixed emergency aid;" "Radio in education;" "Raising health standards;" "Defending education."

Much of this educational information could profitably have been delivered before other conventions such as the Bankers, Rotary Clubs, as it was all very fine and convincing and should be spread further.

At the section meetings, the topics were narrowed down and were much more definite. There were Social Studies sections; Elementary principals' sections; Secondary principals' section; Supervisors of Instruction, etc., and matters pertinent to their interests were handled.

To the Secondary principals Miss Anna C. Kennedy, supervisor of school libraries in New York State told of their organization of school libraries and the duties of principals to libraries to aid their proper functioning. Elsewhere on the program was a talk on "An attainable library program for rural schools." The talk of Mr. Milam, secretary of the A. L. A. was "Leisure

challenges the library." The role of the school library at the convention while not prominent was adequate enough and shared equally with such topics as guidance. Principals were just as interested in it. I did see the importance of using our influence to have speakers on our favorite subject (libraries) talking to the various sections.

Our special California train enabled us to see the beauty and impressiveness of the Grand Canyon; the fight for existence against sand, wind and water at Galveston, Texas; the old French Quarters at New Orleans, the bayous and water hyacinths of Alabama, the verdure of the Florida landscape, the first American settlement at St. Augustine, the charm and the quaintness of Charleston, the bustling business of Richmond and of course the beauties of Washington. While our impressions were hasty, I realized at Charleston the emphasis has been on Revolutionary history, on the relics of that time, with the exception of Fort Sumter. They are very proud of the possession of an original Peale portrait of Washington and scornful that they were urged to send it to the Chicago exposition.

At Richmond Virginia, we found that the Civil War has not been forgotten or forgiven. At the Confederate Museum, which was the home of Mr. Jefferson Davis, the Confederate flag flies alone, without the Stars and Stripes and to those old custodians of the museum there is but one flag. Of course, among the younger generation the feeling is different, but Robert E. Lee has been greatly idealized.

The experiences were all very valuable and interesting.

WANTED:— New Members in the Association

Have you Librarian friends who should be working with us? If so, will you convince them of the advantages to be gained in a membership in our Association. It is only through a larger membership that we can accomplish our goal. Remittances may be made to Miss Vera Denton, Librarian, Lockwood Junior High School, Oakland, California.

Married: Miss Edith Regina Smith, librarian at Frick Junior High School, Oakland to Mr. Howard Towers.

ANNUAL MEETING

SCHOOL LIBRARY ASS'N of CALIFORNIA

Northern and Southern Sections

SANTA MARIA INN, SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
OCTOBER 27 — 28, 1934

— Program —

Saturday	10:00 a. m.	Special meeting of Professional Committees
	3:00 p. m.	Official Registration
	3:30 p. m.	Reception and Tea
		Joint Committee Meetings
		Board Meeting
	4:30 p. m.	Business Meeting
	7:00 p. m.	Dinner
Sunday	8:30 a. m.	Breakfast

ACCOMMODATIONS

SANTA MARIA INN:—

	European	American
Room with double bed, two people	\$3.50	\$ 8.50
Room with twin beds, two people	4.00	9.00
Room with double bed and single bed, three people	4.50	12.00
Room with three beds, three people	5.00	12.50
Room with two double beds, four people	5.00	15.00
Single room, one person	3.00	5.50
Meals: Dinner \$1.25	Lunch \$.75	Breakfast \$.50

TRANSPORTATION

TRAINS:

If the Inn is advised of the time of arrival, the passengers will be met at the Guadalupe station and brought to Santa Maria.

Train No. 70 Leaves San Francisco 7:45 p.m. Arrives Guadalupe 4:35 a.m.

Train No. 72 Leaves San Francisco 7:00 a.m. Arrives Guadalupe 3:16 p.m.

Round trip fare: San Francisco — Guadalupe \$9.66

BUS:

Pacific Greyhound Bus passengers arriving from the north should telephone the Inn and a car will be sent to bring them to the Inn.

Leaves San Francisco 7:00 a.m. Arrives Santa Maria 2:46 p.m.

Leaves San Francisco 8:00 a.m. Arrives Santa Maria 4:42 p.m.

Leaves San Francisco 11:00 a.m. Arrives Santa Maria 6:40 p.m.

Leaves San Francisco 2:55 p.m. Arrives Santa Maria 11:46 p.m.

Leaves San Francisco 7:30 p.m. Arrives Santa Maria 3:31 a.m.

Leaves San Francisco 12:30 p.m. Arrives Santa Maria 9:00 a.m.

Single trip fare \$5.20 Round trip fare \$9.40

Members who have cars and can take passengers or members who wish transportation please notify transportation chairman, Catherine Stalford, Horace Mann Junior High, Twenty-third and Valencia Streets, San Francisco. Home phone: PRespect 7077. School phone: MIssion 3133.

Make your own hotel reservations.

Among Our Travellers

Several of our members met on the Columbia University Campus this summer:

Helen Bullock, San Jose State Teachers College; Katherine Leithold, William Land Junior High School, Sacramento; Hazel Bell, Stanford Junior High School, Sacramento; Harriet Baker, Monterey High School; Frances Whitehead, Pacific Grove High School.

Margaret Girdner attended the annual meeting of the A. L. A. in Montreal.

Ethel Bell spent the summer enjoying the sights in England and Germany.

Mina Hurry spent the summer in Europe.

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Helen Bullock, San Jose State Teachers College; Katherine Leithold, William Land Junior High School, Sacramento; Hazel Bell, Stanford Junior High School, Sacramento; Harriet Baker, Monterey High School, Monterey; Frances

Whitehead, Pacific Grove High School, Pacific Grove.

Margaret Girdner attended the annual meeting of the A. L. A. in Montreal.

Eleanor McAllister attended the A. L. A. in Montreal and spent some time in England, Ireland and Scotland.

Gertrude Memmler spent the summer resting in Yosemite and Tahoe country.

Mrs. Elizabeth Armstrong Roper, librarian of San Leandro High School has taken a leave of absence for a year. She will make her home in Los Angeles.

Miss Myra Hoge has been appointed librarian of the Eureka High School.

Mrs. Ruth K. Smith, formerly cataloguer for the Oakland elementary school, has been appointed librarian of San Leandro High School.

DATE BOOK FOR READY REFERENCE

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 1934 - 1935



October 27 - 28	Joint meeting, Northern and Southern sections, Santa Maria.
December 18, A.M.	West Bay Institute, Library Section, San Francisco. The speaker will be Miss Harriet E. Hassler, an outstanding children's librarian associated with the libraries of New York, Pittsburg and Portland. She will speak on "Beginnings of Library work for Children in Italy," a topic on which she is an authority.
December 18	Book Luncheon, sponsored by Book Committee, San Francisco.
December 19 A.M.	East Bay Institute, Library Section, Oakland. Panel discussion, "School libraries function in fostering and serving ideal American citizenship."
February 16	Informal Meeting and Book Luncheon, San Mateo or Burlingame.
April 12 - 13	Council Meeting, Carmel.
May 4	Annual Meeting, Modesto.

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